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A Literary Register and Repository of Notes and Queries, Shakespeariana, etc.

"What was scattered in many volumes, and observed at several times by eye-witnesses, with no cursory pains I laid together to save the reader a far longer travail of wandering through so many deserted authors. * * * * * The essay, such as it is, was thought by some who knew of it, not amiss to be published; that so many things remarkable, dispersed before, now brought under one view, might not hazard to be otherwise lost, nor the labor lost of collecting them."—*Milton, Preface to: "Brief History of Moscovia,"* 1632.

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LITERARY (AND OTHER) JOTTINGS.

On Dec. 1, 1874, Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge, of London, sold, at their rooms, the library of a well-known foreign collector. We quote the following items, with the prices realized: Augustinus de Civitate Dei, the second book printed in Italy at the Monastery of Soubiaco, 31*l.* 10*s.*; Breviaire Nostre Dame, printed in 1587 at Paris, from the library of Henry the Third, with his devices and motto on the binding of N. Eve, 27*l.* 10*s.*; Casa de Potentium ac Tenuium inter se Officiis, manuscript on vellum, in a curious perforated binding by N. Eve, with the arms of Henry the Second and the devices of his famous mistress, the beautiful Diane de Poictiers, 37*l.*; The Household expenses of the same Diane de Poictiers, "pour Souppers," in August, 1565, with her autograph signature, 20*l.*; Grolier's copy of Gayleri Navicula, with his name and motto, 30*l.*; Evangelia, a specimen of P. Seguier's library, 20*l.* 10*s.*; Gratiani Decreta, manuscript of the thirteenth century, on vellum, with twenty-eight miniatures in the early Saxon style, 49*l.* 10*s.*; Heures a l'usage de Rome, printed on vellum, in 1496, by Pigouchet, 75*l.*; Horæ in Laudem B. Virginis, Tory's first edition, 48*l.* 10*s.*; Manuscript Horæ, on vellum, with illuminations, 46*l.* and 50*l.*; First Edition of La Fontaine's Fables, 23*l.*; Oudry's Edition of the same, on large paper, 42*l.* 10*s.*; His Contes, in the edition of the Fermiers Généraux, 30*l.* 10*s.*; The Heptameron of Marguerite de Navarre, with Freudenberger's plates, 32*l.* 10*s.*; a beautiful Officium B. Virginis Secundum Ordinem Humiliatorum, written on vellum by an Italian scribe, with miniatures, 102*l.*; an Officium B Virginis, written on vellum, for the private use of Henry the Fourth, by C Ruffin, 47*l.*; an Office de la Vierge, dedicated to the Queen of France by the Jesuit Coton, and bound for her by Le Gascon, 25*l.*; The first Aldine Poliphilo, 33*l.*; Royaumont Histoire de la Bible, 43*l.*; Senecæ Opera, first edition, 32*l.* 10*s.*; Thevet, Singularitez de la France Antarctique, 25*l.*; an elegant Manuscript on vellum, containing "Prieres Saintes et Chretiennes pour Monseigneur," written by the famous caligrapher, Gilbert, so well known as the only book Louis the Sixteenth was allowed to retain whilst in prison, and which he gave to his gaoler, Vincent, a gift that proved fatal to the latter, as it caused him to be guillotined as a suspected Royalist, 82*l.*; The Elzevir Corneille, 41*l.* The entire sale (comprising only 275 lots) brought 2,414*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*

The sale of the library of the late John Gough Nichols, F. S. A., was concluded on Saturday, Dec. 12, by Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge, at their house in Wellington street, producing in the aggregate 2,195*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* It comprised topographical works and illustrations of the various counties, heraldry, family history, pedigrees, seals, autograph letters, and some curious deeds—in all, 2860 lots. The following are from among the different sections: Duke of Beaufort's Progress through Wales in 1684, 15*l.* 10*s.*; Collection of original assignments of, and agreements for, manuscript, between celebrated authors, in 3 vols., 53*l.* 10*s.*; Bridges's History and Antiquities of Northamptonshire, with manuscript and other additions, 4 vols. in 2, 14*l.*; Carlos's Collections for the History of English Counties, autograph MS., 5 vols., 12*l.* 10*s*; Dallaway's History of the Western Division of the County of Sussex, 3 vols., 57*l.* 10*s.*; Fraser's Memoirs of the Maxwells of Pollok, 2 vols., 12*l.* 15*s.*; Collections for the County of Cambridge, by Smyth, 20*l.* 10*s.*; Carter's Collection of Sketches relating to the Antiquity of this Kingdom, original drawings, 111*l.*; Gough's Tours of England, Wales, and Scotland, illustrated, 10*l.* 10*s.*; Gurney's Record of the House of Gournay, printed for private circulation, 13*l.* 10*s.*; Gough's History of Enfield, autograph MS., 9*l.*; Harris's History of South Wiltshire, 6 vols., 28*l.*; Nichols's (J. B.) Obituary of Literary and Eminent Persons from 1701 to 1858, autograph MS., 26*l.* 10*s.*; Noble's Biographical Anecdotes, 11 vols., autograph MS., 31*l.*; Ogilvie's Account of the Anglo-Norman Families who settled in England, MS., 15*l.*; Rowland's Account of the Nevill Family, 12*l.*; Whitaker's Parish of Whalley, 14*l.* 10*s.*; Deanery of Craven, 12*l.* 5*s.*; Willement's Arms, Banners, and Standards of the Royal Family and Nobility in the time of Henry the Eighth, MS., with drawings, 13*l.*; Collection of Rubbings from Sepulchral and other Brasses, 22*l.* 10*s.*; Collection of Brass, Iron, and other Seals, 15*l.* 15*s.*; Seal found near Durham, and others, 12*l.*

Mr. Chapman, of Edinburgh, completed the other day the sale of the library of the late Prof. Stevenson, which lasted for a period of fourteen days. Among the books sold was a fine set of the Bannatyne Club books, which brought 204*l.* 15*s.* A copy of the